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CRITERIA OR GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR THE RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

Draft resolution recommended by the Committee of the Whole

The General Conference,

(a) Recalling its decision GC(41)/DEC/8(C), by which the Board of Governors was requested to develop criteria or guidelines to govern the future consideration of requests by Member States in arrears for the restoration of their voting rights, for consideration by the Conference at its 42nd session,

(b) Recognizing the importance of ensuring the universality of participation in the IAEA decision-making process, as a fundamental principle of the UN System,

(c) Recognizing further the importance for members of the Agency to fulfil their financial obligations in full and on time, and

(d) Taking note, with interest, of the proposed measures to facilitate the payment of arrears of contributions as contained in document GOV/1998/54,

1. Adopts the criteria and guidelines for consideration of future requests for the restoration of voting rights as contained in document GC(42)/10, as well as the procedural rules and practices related to early notification to Member States in arrears;

2. Decides to undertake a follow-up assessment of the usefulness and pertinence of the above-mentioned criteria, guidelines and measures at its 44th session, through the Board of Governors;

3. Requests the Director General to inform all Member States which are in arrears with their payments of the guidelines, criteria and measures, urging them to take necessary action for the settlement of arrears in order to facilitate the restoration of voting rights and include in his report to the General Conference, on an annual basis, a status report on the position in this regard;

4. Entrusts the Board to complete its consideration of the measures proposed in document GOV/1998/54 and authorizes the Director General to implement any such measures if and when agreed by the Board or Governors; and

5. Decides further to include in the provisional agenda for its 44th session an item entitled "Restoration of voting rights".